

Proposed Idaho footnote/toxics reduction placeholder.

Idaho is committed to toxics reduction and sees value in the regional Columbia River Toxics Reduction effort, but looked and found a lack of widespread toxics data in Idaho sufficient to establish a suitable project baseline for the present five-year plan. What is known about Idaho toxics contamination either shows: 1) low levels, 2) is old data (>10 years), 3) or is not well-coupled with current or planned cleanup efforts. Elevated mercury levels in fish is getting a lot of attention, and there are known problem areas in Idaho, but there is hesitancy to use fish tissue as a yardstick as it is unlikely to show near term improvement. The absence of an Idaho project in the above table is hopefully temporary and may be corrected through additional monitoring efforts to better establish Idaho baselines, identify toxics hotspots, and develop cleanup plans.

[Not sure this is entirely accurate with regard to metals as we have superfund efforts in Blackbird and SF Cd'A, but don't know if we want to throw more money at these long running PRP funded efforts, would be nice to find something new, not getting much attention currently].